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TO: THE COMMISSION

FROM: Utilities Division

DATE: May 8, 1998

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY ARIZONA ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE, INC. - OF SYSTEM BENEFITS CHARGES AND UNBUNDLED SERVICE TARIFFS PURSUANT TO A.A.C. R14-2-1606 (DOCKET NO. E-01773A-97-0742)

On December 22, 1997, Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (AEPCO) filed its unbundled service tariffs pursuant to A.A.C. R14-2-1606(C). In this filing, AEPCO has priced electric service elements such as transmission and ancillary services separately. AEPCO also submitted information concerning system benefits charges.

Effective December 26, 1996, the Commission adopted rules governing the parameters of retail electric competition. Pursuant to R14-2-1606(C), each incumbent utility must file Unbundled Service Tariffs to provide the following services to all eligible purchasers on a nondiscriminatory basis: Distribution service; Meter and meter reading service; Billing and collection service; Open access transmission service; Ancillary services; Information services; and Other ancillary services necessary for safe and reliable system operation. Pursuant to R14-2-1608, each incumbent utility must file non-bypassable rates or related mechanisms to recover the applicable pro-rata costs of system benefits from all consumers located in its service area who participate in the competitive market.

Decision No. 60574, dated January 14, 1998, suspended this filing until May 29, 1998. Due to the size and magnitude of this filing, Staff is recommending the Commission suspend this filing for an additional period of one hundred and eighty days.

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1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

2 JIM IRVIN
Commissioner - Chairman
3 RENZ D. JENNINGS
Commissioner
4 CARL J. KUNASEK
Commissioner
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6 IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)
ARIZONA ELECTRIC POWER)
7 COOPERATIVE, INC. - OF UNBUNDLED)
AND STANDARD OFFER SERVICE)
8 TARIFFS PURSUANT TO)
A.A.C. R14-2-1606)
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DOCKET NO. E-01773A-97-0742

DECISION NO. _____

ORDER

10 Open Meeting
May 19 and 20, 1998
11 Phoenix, Arizona

12 BY THE COMMISSION:

13 FINDINGS OF FACT

14 1. Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (AEPCO or Coop) is certified to
15 provide electric service as a public service corporation in the State of Arizona.

16 2. On December 22, 1997, AEPCO filed its unbundled service tariffs pursuant to
17 A.A.C. R14-2-1606(C). In this filing, the Coop has priced electric service elements such as
18 transmission and distribution separately. AEPCO also submitted information concerning system
19 benefits charges.

20 3. Effective December 26, 1996, the Commission adopted rules governing the
21 parameters of retail electric competition. Pursuant to R14-2-1606(C), each incumbent utility
22 must file Unbundled Service Tariffs to provide the following services to all eligible purchasers
23 on a nondiscriminatory basis: Distribution service; Meter and meter reading service; Billing and
24 collection service; Open access transmission service; Ancillary services; Information services;
25 and Other ancillary services necessary for safe and reliable system operation.

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5. Decision No. 60574, dated January 14, 1998, suspended this filing until May 29, 1998. Due to the size and magnitude of this filing, Staff is recommending the Commission suspend this filing for an additional period of one hundred and eighty days.

3. The Commission, having reviewed the tariff pages (copies of which are contained in the Commission tariff files) and Staff's Memorandum dated May 8, 1998, concludes that it is in the public interest to suspend the filing for a period of one hundred eighty days.

ORDER

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the tariff filing be and hereby suspended until and including November 25, 1998.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

COMMISSIONER - CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

COMMISSIONER

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JACK ROSE, Executive Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this ____ day of _____ 1998.

JACK ROSE
Executive Secretary

DISSENT _____

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